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Tiverton Recreation Commission Meeting
September 15, 2009 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance: Gary Rose, Jack Cook, Rick Bush, Chris Roemlein, Josh Mello, Bobby Martin, Deb Ebbitt

Public Delegations:

Sandy DaSilva – Summer Recreation – the program has run well the past couple of years since the implementation of the fees.

While the total number of registrations has decreased drastically, the actual numbers attending on a daily basis has had a much smaller decrease. Daily attendance is still running at near 50% of registered. Sandy was asked for ideas to improve the program, and responded that her major concern was having to cancel due to rain. Commission will check with School Dept to request use of building (gym) for rainy days next year.

Kurt Mello and Mike Pexeito – Sakonnet Schooners Football – looking for area to run the football program other than on the existing sites of Tiverton High and Middle Schools. Commission will explore the possibility of coming up with an area suitable for this purpose.

Treasurer's report: System of processing bills for payment seems to be working. Still looking for an individual to take over responsibility.

Secretary's report: Minutes of 8/18/09 meeting approved as revised. Motion by Josh Mello – second by Rick Bush. Passed unanimously.

Subcommittees Reports: Chris still awaiting 501-C-3 status from the IRS. Website is ready to go, and fundraising ideas are being discussed and he will report back next month.

Old Business: Josh Mello reported that the social networking site he was working with in regards to Bulgarmarsh Park is gradually gaining interest.

Rick Bush volunteered for the Secretary position. Josh Mello motioned, Chris Roemlein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Martin gave an update on the progress at Bulgarmarsh Park. Grading is to be completed in the next two weeks in preparation for paving. Will need to discuss with the State the possibility of installing guardrails along Bulgarmarsh Road and a sidewalk at least the length of the park. Will research repairs to the flagpole and report back.

New Business: Received notification from Jim Goncalo as to the date and time of the public hearing regarding use of the old Ranger and Nonquit Schools. If recreation can see a use for either site, it needs to be presented at the Nov 30 meeting with as much detail as possible. Members are asked to speak to people in town to see if there is a need or desire to seek this use. Further discussion at next month's meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events: The fall walk thru of the Fogland Oversight Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 9/17 at 4:30 PM. The regatta races are at Fogland Beach this weekend (Sat 9/19 and Sun 9/20). Bath house needs to be open both days for this event.

Correspondence: None.

Miscellaneous Committee Member items: A motion by Jack Cook was made to have this year's Tree Lighting on Dec 6th. Jim and Mona Carberry will be contacted to see if they have any interest in continuing their involvement. Motion seconded by Josh Mello and passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Josh Mello, seconded by Rick Bush. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 20, 2009 @ 7:00pm